City of Las Vegas

Agenda Item No.: 45.

# AGENDA SUMMARY PAGE CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF: JANUARY 7, 2009

DEPARTMENT: C DIRECTOR: B	CITY CLERK SEVERLY K. BRIDGES	☐ Consent	<b>⊠</b> Discussion
SUBJECT: Discussion and possible action regarding the Proclamation and Order declaring the 2009 City of Las Vegas Municipal Election			
Fiscal Impact  No Impact	t Augmentation Requ	iired	
Budget Fu	inds Available		
Amount:			
Funding Source:	1/2/1/0		
Dept./Division:	OF LAS		

### PURPOSE/BACKGROUND:

Article V of the Las Vegas City Charter and Nevada Revised Statutes, where it can be made applicable and is not inconsistent with the Charter, govern the conduct of elections for the City. Since our municipal elections are under the control of the City Council, it is appropriate at this time for the City Council to formally order the 2009 Municipal Election. The order sets forth the offices to be voted upon by the registered voters of the City and establishes the City polling locations with the appropriate precincts and Wards. After adoption by the City Council the Clerk's office will proceed with required publications.

The Clerk's Office will again provide the public with an election website to assist voters in both English and Spanish, candidates and people seeking general information about our election. This internet application will conveniently provide answers on a 24-hour basis to frequently asked questions from City residents about all aspects of the election process.

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

The City Council approve the Proclamation and Order declaring the 2009 Municipal Election.

#### **BACKUP DOCUMENTATION:**

Proclamation and Order

Motion made by GARY REESE to Approve as amended

Passed For: 7; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 0 RICKI Y. BARLOW, LOIS TARKANIAN, STEVE WOLFSON, OSCAR B. GOODMAN, GARY REESE, STEVEN D. ROSS, DAVID W. STEINMAN; (Against-None); (Abstain-None); (Did Not Vote-None); (Excused-None)

#### Minutes:

CITY CLERK BEVERLY K. BRIDGES stated that Article Five of the City Charter and Nevada

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Revised Statues place control of the Municipal Elections in the hands of the Council. Approval of Item 45 would establish the offices up for election and approval of Item 46 would establish the sites for early voting and the polling places on Election Day. She requested that the Item 46 be amended to include consolidated polling places, noting the change had been submitted for the record. She recommended approval of both items.

CITY ATTORNEY BRAD JERBIC informed COUNCILMAN WOLFSON that there would be no conflict of interest in a Councilmember intending to run for an office voting on this item.

MRS. BRIDGES stated that election information would be provided on the City's home page and the City Clerk's webpage 24 hours a day. The Council seats for Wards 2, 4 and 6 and the Municipal judge seats 1, 4 and 6 were up for April primary election and added that there were no questions on the ballot. She pointed out that any candidate that runs unopposed would not appear on the primary ballot and if any candidate receives 50 percent of the vote plus one in the primary, they would not appear on the ballot for the general election. She announced that the filing period for those offices is January 27 through February 6.

Regarding Item 46, MRS. BRIDGES stated that 17 neighborhood sites would be available throughout the City for the entire early voting period and pointed out that two permanent sites would also be available.